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REFERENCE TO:

SUEZ CANAL
(QANAT AS SUWAYS)
EGYPT

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

IDENTIFIES SURFACE OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE
SUEZ CANAL.

2. LOCATION:

THE CANAL EXTENDS NORTH AND SOUTH THROUGH
THE ISTHMUS OF SUEZ (AS SUWAYS), CONNECT-
ING THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA WITH THE GULF
OF SUEZ.

3. REMARKS:

DURING 1966 SHIPS USING THE CANAL CARRIED
237 MILLION TONS OF CARGO WHICH REPRESENTED
APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S SEA-
BORNE COMMERCE. APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT
OF THE CARGO MOVES NORTH WITH ABOUT FOUR-
FIFTHS OF THIS CARGO ACCOUNTED FOR BY OIL
SHIPMENTS. THE CANAL SHORTENS THE AVERAGE
DELIVERY TIME FOR SOVIET DELIVERIES TO NORTH
VIETNAM FROM 36 TO 20 DAYS AND THE AVERAGE
DELIVERY TIME FOR US GRAIN SHIPMENTS TO

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INDIA FROM 29 TO 23 DAYS.

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5. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS:

- * LENGTH: 162 KILOMETERS
- * WIDTH: FROM 162 TO 200 METERS ON
CANAL SURFACE
- * DEPTH: 13.5 TO 15.5 METERS
- * NIS 53 EGYPT INLAND WATERWAYS FEB 65.
IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CANAL ARE CON-
TINUOUS.

THE MAXIMUM DRAFT OF VESSELS PERMITTED
TO TRANSIT CANAL IS ANNOUNCED BY THE
CANAL AUTHORITY PERIODICALLY.

6. MISSION READOUT: COMPARATIVE PHOTO ANALYSIS OF MISSIONS

PERMITTED THE CORRELLATION OF SEVERAL TYPES

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OF SIGNATURES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE SUBMERGED OBJECTS:

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IDENTIFICATION OF THE POSSIBLE CANAL OBSTRUCTIONS IS BASED EITHER ON
DIRECT VIEWING OR A CORRELLATION OF 2 OTHER SIGNATURES IN THE SAME LOCATION

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ON AT LEAST 3 OUT OF THE 4 FILM ROLLS, WHICH WERE CURRENTLY SEARCHED.

PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS OF [REDACTED] REVEALS 1 PROBABLE
SUNKEN VESSEL AT THE SOUTH END OF BUR SAID PORT, 1 PROBABLE SUNKEN
VESSEL 3.8 NM SOUTH OF BUR SAID, 1 CAPSIZED PASSENGER VESSEL 4 NM
SOUTH OF BUR SAID, AND THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE SUBMERGED OBJECTS: ONE
2.7 NM, ONE 13.4 NM, TWO 20 NM, AND ONE 30.5 NM SOUTH OF BUR SAID, AND
ONE AT THE SOUTH END OF LAKE TIMSAH. LITTLE BITTER LAKE SHOWS SPORADIC
HEAVY SITTING.

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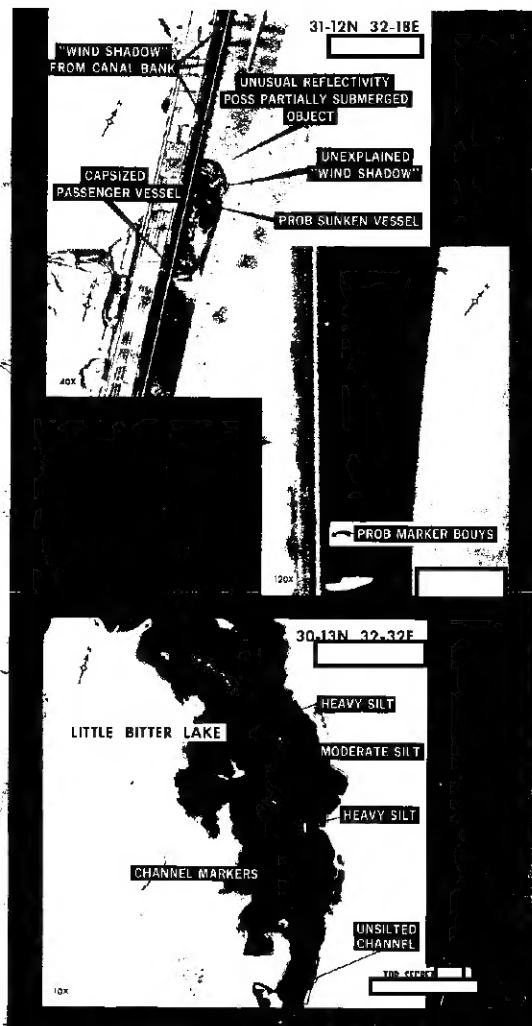
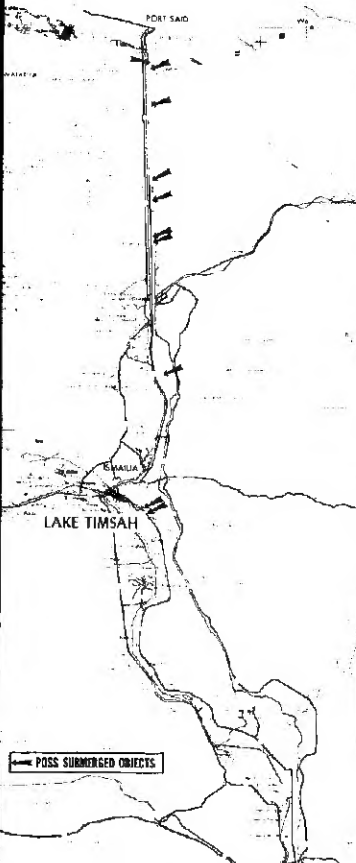
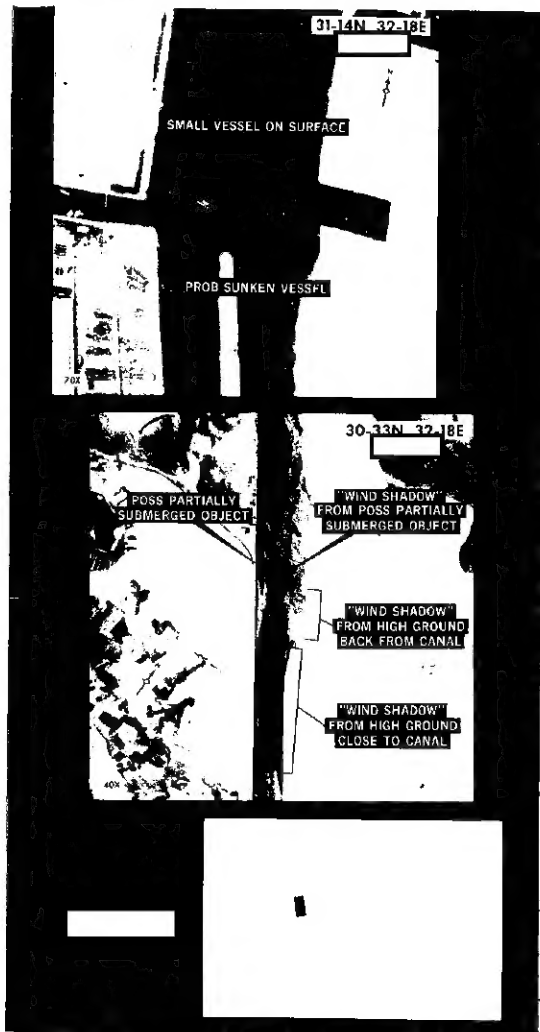
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